

ETAINIA SPHENDAMNI HERING — A CORRECTION. — In my key for the determination of the species of *Etainia* (*Ent Record*: 85: 281) I stated that the males of *sericopeza* Zeller and *sphendamni* lacked androconial scales on the hind-wing. More than a year has passed since I wrote those notes and in the interval I have bred and set further specimens of *sphendamni*. In doing so I have learnt that the male hind-wing does, in fact, have a basal patch of androconial scales on the upperside, but it is very small and completely overlapped by the forewing in set specimens. The same may well be true of *sericopeza*. Accordingly I have emended my own copy of the article (p. 281 ll 3-4) to read "Male hindwings with androconial scales on the upperside hidden by forewings". These androconial scales show conspicuously in set specimens of *decentella* Herrich Schaffer, so the character is still a useful mark of distinction.

The new edition of the Kloet and Hincks *Check List of British Lepidoptera* gives the following synonymy:—

- sericopeza* (Zeller, 1839)
- ? *louisella* (Sircom 1849)
- sphendamni* (Hering 1934)

It is quite certain that *louisella* is one or other of these two species. If I am right in my belief that *sericopeza* does not occur in Britain, it must be *sphendamni*. In that case it is the senior name for that species and *sphendamni* is reduced to synonymy. I am informed that Sircom's collection is in the museum at Bristol but (I hope this is incorrect) that it is not available for study: an examination of Sircom's specimens should settle the matter.—A. M. Emmet, Labrey Cottage, Victoria Gardens, Saffron Walden, Essex, 10.ii.1974.

THERA JUNIPERATA L. (LEP.: GEOMETRIDAE) COMES NORTH.—When we published the Revised Yorkshire List (*The Lepidoptera of Yorkshire reprinted from The Naturalist 1967-70*) all there was to say about this species was "Not recorded since Porritt's List". Porritt only recorded two specimens, one at Birstwith in Nidderdale in 1885 and one at Acklam near Middlesbrough in 1900. The latter was thought to have been "imported with juniper bushes in churchyard".

There is no evidence that anyone has tried to follow up either of these localities and the species was not recorded again in Yorkshire until 1968 when Dr I. J. Faulkner, operating a Rothamsted trap at Harrogate took specimens on 15th and 22nd October, a fact recorded among other Stop-Press items on the last page of the aforementioned publication; they were of the large Southern form not the dwarf Scottish race. In the years 1956 to 1966 I had operated a Robinson trap regularly in Harrogate and never seen the species, nor did Dr Faulkner see it again for four years but he tells me that it turned up again this year on 4th November.